

position said endotracheal tube at the center or at either side of a patient's mouth.

19. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 18, wherein at least one of said horizontal rails is provided with surface markings, whereby said holding block assembly is accurately positioned.

20. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 2, wherein said track includes a hinge means hingedly connecting said face plates to said track means, whereby said face plates and pads carried thereby adjustably fit and engage a contour of the respective sides of the patient's face.

21. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 2 wherein the curved track is defined as being substantially semicircular.

22. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus for securing an endotracheal tube relative to a patient's mouth, the tube holder comprising:

a track formed of a substantially rigid material and having a curved configuration;

a face plate formed on each end of the track a pad secured to each face plate;

the pads being arranged to engage the cheek areas of a patient on opposite sides of a patient's mouth to support the track so that the track is spaced from and not in contact with the patient's mouth to allow air to circulate between the track and the area surrounding a patient's mouth;

a holding block assembly adjustable mounted along said track relative to the mouth of a patient;

a tube holder fixture formed as part of said holding block assembly for securing a tube in said tube holder; and means for attaching said endotracheal tube-holder apparatus on a patient's head.

23. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 22, wherein said curved configuration of said track means is defined as being approximately semicircular.

24. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 22, wherein said track has a cross-sectional configuration and wherein said holding block assembly is defined as a housing having a longitudinal passageway with a cross-sectional configuration to match the cross-sectional configuration of said track.

25. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 24, wherein said tube holder fixture comprises a tube holding bracket and a member spaced therefrom, the bracket and member being integrally formed with said housing and a thumb screw threaded into the spaced member for pressing the tube against the bracket.

26. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 25, further including a bite-block support formed integrally with the holding block assembly.

27. The endotracheal tube-holder of claim 26 wherein the bite-block support comprises a tubular frame member hav-

ing a guide member extending inward of said tubular frame member, and wherein said bite block is formed with a channel to receive said guide member, the bite-block being removably inserted and supported within said frame member.

28. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus comprising: a substantially rigid track having a generally semicircular configuration;

a face plate mounted at each end of said track so that the face plates are oppositely disposed to each other;

a face pad secured to each face plate;

the face pads being arranged to engage the cheeks of a patient and position the track in a spaced relationship with the patient's mouth so that air can circulate between the track and the area surrounding a patient's mouth, the face plates and pads providing the sole support for the track;

a holding block assembly adjustable mounted on said track means relative to the mouth of a patient;

a tube holding means formed as part of said holding block assembly;

means for securing a tube in said tube holding means;

a bite-block support means formed as part of said holding block assembly;

a bite block arranged to be removably mounted in said block-support means; and

means for attaching said endotracheal tube-holder apparatus on the patient's head.

29. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 28, wherein said track is formed having an arcuate configuration.

30. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 29, wherein said track has a cross-sectional configuration and wherein said holding block assembly being defines as a housing having a longitudinal passageway with a cross-sectional configuration to match the cross-sectional configuration of said track.

31. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 30, wherein said tube holder fixture includes a tube holding bracket and a depending member integrally formed in said housing.

32. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 31, wherein said tube holding fixture further includes a thumb screw.

33. An endotracheal tube-holder apparatus as recited in claim 31, wherein said bite-block support means comprises a tubular frame member having a guide member extending inwardly of said tubular frame member, whereby said bite block is formed with a channel to receive said guide member, and wherein said bite block is removably inserted and supported within said frame member.

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